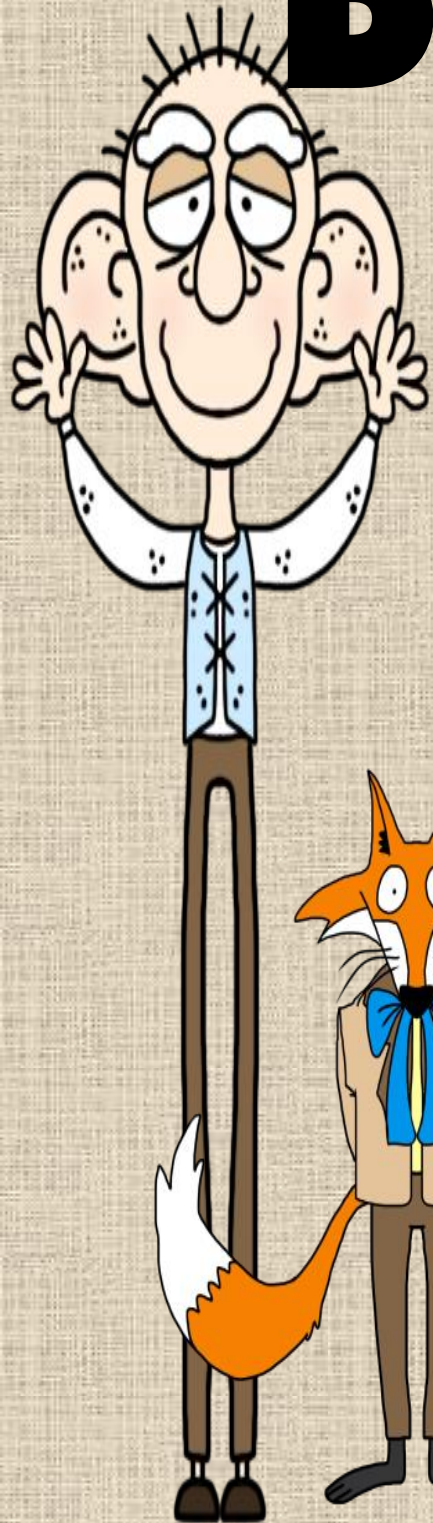
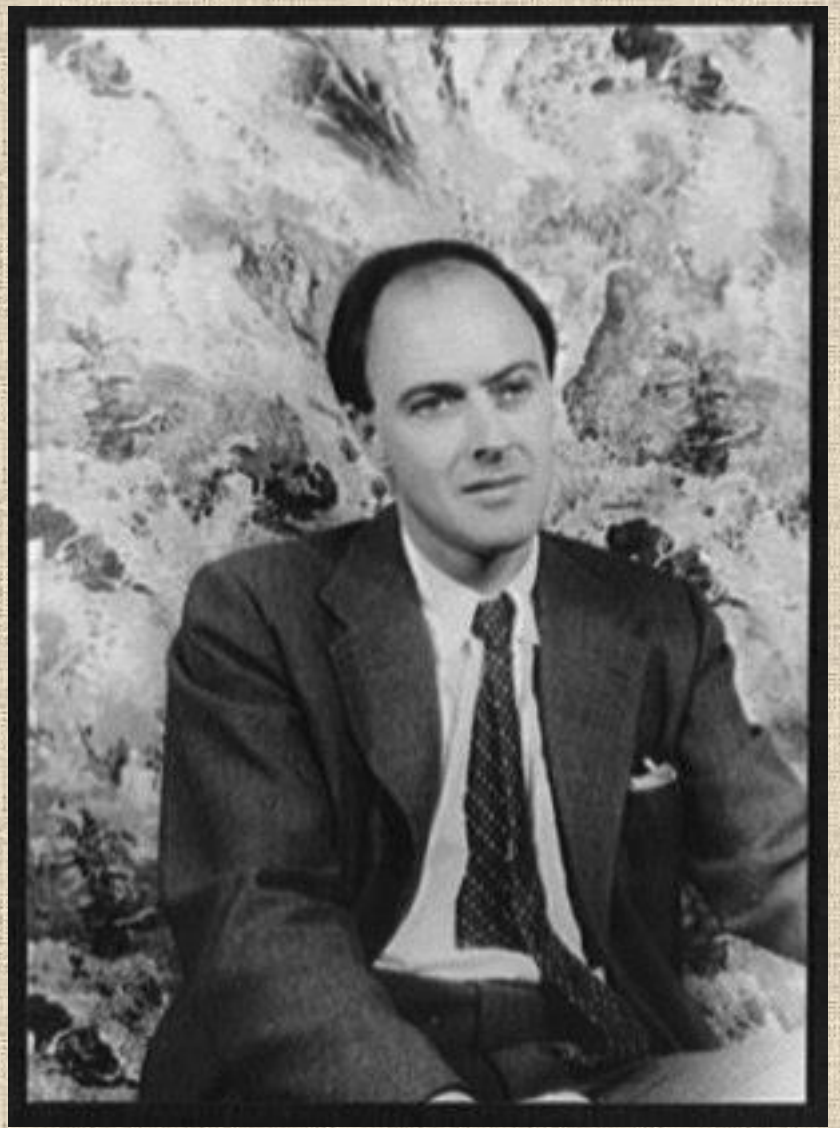


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Roald Dahl was a children's author of many best-selling children's books. In fact, he wrote 17 of them selling more than 250 million copies worldwide. Before Dahl started his writing career, he lived an interesting life.

When Dahl graduated from high school in 1932, he went on a month-long expedition to Newfoundland. Later, the Shell Oil Company hired him to work in Tanzania, Africa.

In 1939 at the age of 23, Dahl joined the Royal Air Force. He became a World War II fighter pilot. When Dahl's plane crash-landed in Alexandria, Egypt, Dahl received several serious injuries. After his recovery, Dahl was sent to an RAF base in Cairo. In 1941 Dahl joined this squadron in Greece. When headaches prevented Dahl from flying, he was transferred to the British Embassy in Washington, D. C. where he served as an assistant air attaché.

Dahl began writing stories about his life in the Royal Air Force. *Saturday Evening Post* published these.

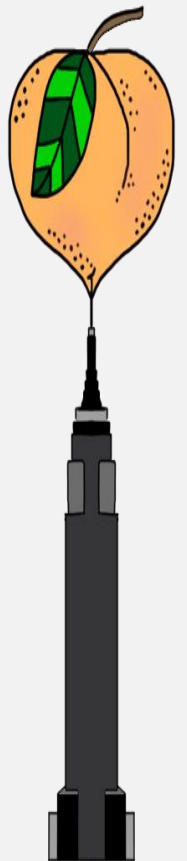
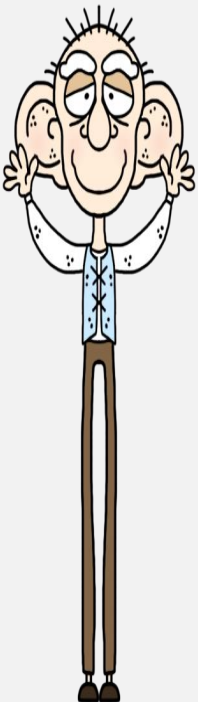
In 1961, Dahl began writing children's literature. His first wildly successful novel was *James and the Giant Peach*. Three years later, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* was published. Other mega-hits include *Fantastic Mr. Fox* (1970), *The BFG* (1982), *The Witches* (1983), and *Matilda* (1988). All of these well-loved books have been turned into movies for the big screen.

Dahl tells his stories from the perspective of children. They feature adult villains. Usually, one adult character is kind and helps the child battle the villains in a good versus evil theme. Dahl's novels include dark humor and wild imaginative scenes. Dahl encouraged readers to use their imaginations. He invented over 250 words. You can find an Oxford Roald Dahl Dictionary of these words.

Those who don't believe in magic will never find it.— Roald Dahl, *The Minpins*

List of Roald Dahl Children's Books

1. The Gremlins (1943)
2. James and the Giant Peach (1961)
3. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (1964)
4. The Magic Finger (1966)
5. Fantastic Mr Fox (1970)
6. Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator (1972)
7. Danny, the Champion of the World (1975)
8. The Enormous Crocodile (1978)
9. The Twits (1980)
10. George's Marvellous Medicine (1981)
11. The BFG (1982)
12. The Witches (1983)
13. The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me (1985)
14. Matilda (1988)
15. Esio Trot (1989)
16. The Vicar of Nibbleswicke (1990)
17. The Minpins (1991)

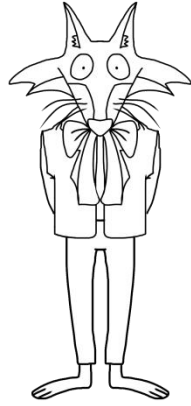


Comparing Roald Dahl Characters

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Fantastic Mr.
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Giant Peach



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Main Character	Charlie Bucket	Mr. Fox	James Henry Trotter	Matilda Wormwood	Sophie	The Boy
Lives With	his mother and father and his four grandparents	his wife and children	two horrible aunts	her parents and brother	orphan	his grandmother
Character Traits	well-mannered, strong inner strength	clever, loving husband and father	lonely, clever	extremely smart, clever, brave	smart, kind-hearted, brave	resilient, resourceful, brave
Biggest Problem	poor	feed his family after the farmers (Boggis, Bunce, and Bean) camp outside his hole	leave his abusive aunts	to be recognized as a bright young lady	kidnapped by BFG and learns he is being bullied by all the other nasty giants	must stop the Grand High Witch from turning all the children of England into mice
Solution	wins the Wonka Chocolate Factory	digs underground tunnels to the food stores of the farmers	leaves home on a flying peach with a group of insects ~ repeatedly devises plans to save himself and the others on a journey across the Atlantic Ocean where he makes a new home in New York	leaves her selfish family and moves in with Miss Honey who loves her	comes up with the bright idea to stop giants from eating children	comes up with a plan to turn all the witches to mice

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